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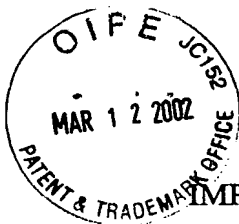
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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present application claims priority to U.S. Patent application No. 60/239,706, filed on October 12, 2000 and entitled "Battery Cartridge for Electronic Device" the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth in its entirety herein.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The present invention relates to air-depolarized power sources having an electrode such as metal-air battery cells and, in particular, relates to an improved method and apparatus for providing an adequate supply of oxygen to air-depolarized cells.

[0004] The vast majority of portable electronic devices can be battery operated. The battery or batteries required to operate such devices are typically inserted into a cavity within the device or are attached to an external surface of the device. Of greatest interest in the marketplace today are so-called high current drain portable consumer electronic devices such as cell phones, digital cameras, flash cameras, computers, personal digital assistants, cassette players and compact disc players. In many instances, such devices accept alkaline batteries. However, alkaline batteries are not necessarily efficient energy sources for such devices since the energy available from alkaline batteries decreases as the rate of current drain increases. It thus became advantageous to provide an alternative energy source for such devices. The ability to do so was constrained by the existing cavity or surface configurations which are typically sized for a pre-determined number of cylindrical alkaline cells.

[0005] Metal-air battery cells were introduced as an improved alternative to alkaline cells for use in a portable electronic device while providing an energy source more appropriate to the high current drain conditions associated with such devices. Fig. 1 depicts the available energy of AA premium alkaline and AA zinc-air cells at various power draws. It is apparent from Fig. 1 that the energy available in the typical power ranges of 100 mW to 1000 mW is much greater in zinc-air cells than in alkaline cells. Accordingly, it is desirable to substitute zinc-air cells in place of standard alkaline cells. For example, a